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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-cited application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraphs [00387] through [0044] with the following paragraphs:

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**[0038]** FIG. 6 shows a truncated cone hub element of a first alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

**[0039]** FIG. 7 shows a tapered triangular tapered tube hub element of a second alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

**[0040]** FIG. 8 shows a six-triangle strutted frame hub element of a third alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

**[0041]** FIG. 9 shows a four-triangle strutted frame hub element of a fourth alternative embodiment according to the present invention.

**[0042]** FIG. 10 shows a partial view of geodesic structure according to the present invention, constructed of tapered triangular tube hub elements and covered with a skin.

**[0043]** FIG. 11 shows a plurality of strutted frame elements according to the